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The Senate met at 9 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, whose mercies are new every morning and whose presence sustains us through the day, we seek to glorify You in all we do and say. You provide us strength for the day, guidance in our decisions, vision for the way, courage in adversity, help from above, unfailing empathy, and unlimited love. You never leave us or forsake us; nor do You ask of us more than You will provide the resources to accomplish. Here are our minds, think Your thoughts in them; here are our hearts, express Your love and encouragement through them; here are our voices, speak Your truth through them.

We dedicate this day to discern and do Your will. We trust in You, dear God, and ask You to continue to bless America through the leadership of the women and men of this Senate. Help them as they grapple with the problems and grasp Your potential for the crucial issues before them today. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, for the benefit of my colleagues, I would like to announce the Senate schedule.

Leader time is reserved. There will be a period of morning business until 10

a.m. this morning. At 10 a.m. the Senate will resume consideration of S. 343, the regulatory reform bill, with the Glenn substitute amendment pending.

The Senate will then stand in recess from 12:30 to 2:15 p.m., to accommodate the respective party luncheons. At 2:15 p.m., under a previous order, there will be two consecutive rollcall votes. The first will be a 15-minute vote on the Glenn substitute amendment, followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Dole-Johnston substitute amendment, which will be 10 minutes in length.

The votes ordered for 2:15 p.m. are not necessarily the first votes of the day. Rollcall votes are expected throughout the day and a late night session is possible in order to make progress on the regulatory reform bill.

Finally, Senators are reminded that under rule XXII, second-degree amendments to the Dole-Johnston substitute must be filed by 12:30 p.m. today in order to qualify postcloture. Also, in connection with the third cloture motion, filed yesterday on the Dole-Johnston substitute, any further first-degree amendments must be filed by 12:30 p.m. today.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SMITH). Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business.

The Senator from South Carolina.

THE CRISIS IN BOSNIA

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, last week the Bosnian town of Srebrenica, a so-called U.N. protected area, fell to Bosnian Serbs. In scenes reminiscent of the genocide of World War II, Serb troops rounded up Bosnian Moslems and forcibly expelled thousands of women, children, and the elderly from their homes. Military-age men were held captive, and there are reports that some have been murdered. Rapes and other atrocities are reported as well.

This week Zepa, another U.N. protected area in eastern Bosnia, is about to fall to the Serbs. The U.N. protected area of Gorazde is under attack. Serbs inside the U.N. exclusion zone around Sarajevo are shelling the city and killing innocent civilians in that U.N. protected area. In the northeast, the U.N. safe haven of Bihac remains cut off and threatened.

Throughout Bosnia today, we see the triumph of Serbian aggression, aided and abetted by confusion and inaction on the part of the United Nations and the Western democracies.

Mr. President, what is the response of the Western democracies to the atrocities and brutal aggression of the Serbs? The response is another U.N. Security Council resolution, calling on the Secretary General to restore the safe haven of Srebrenica. In Bosnia, the United Nations spokesmen issue more empty threats, hollow denunciations, and vain demands. It would be better to say nothing at all than to engage in such futile bluster, which only invites the contempt of the world.

One definition of stupidity is to do the same thing over and over again and expect a different result. This certainly characterizes the policy of the administration and our Western allies. Its failure is apparent for anyone to see,

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